



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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OCTOBER 3, 2005

### Soybean Harvest Well Underway

Although a small amount of rain fell on Tuesday, conditions dried enough to have an average of 6.30 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 02, 2005. Many Delaware farmers took advantage of the dry weather to harvest **soybeans**. Currently, **soybeans** are 8 percent harvested 4 percent ahead of last year, and 5 percent ahead of five year average by 5 percent. **Soybean** condition is rated 1 percent excellent, 21 percent good, 17 percent fair, 25 percent poor and 36 very short. **Corn** harvested for grain progressed 20 percent from the previous week to 69 percent complete.

Small grain planting is moving along. Farmers were able to complete 17 percent of the **barley** seeding by last week, only 1 percent ahead of last year and 4 percent ahead of the five-year average.

**Pastures** are rated 24 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 45 percent fair and 17 percent good. **Hay supplies** were 35 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

#### DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	59	48	54	64
Corn for Grain	69	49	61	51
Soybeans	8	2	4	3
Planting Progress:				
Barley	17	2	16	13
Crop Progress:				
Soybean Turning Color	88	81	82	60
Soybean Dropping Leaves	76	69	64	39
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	57	55	75	69
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	7	5	39	42

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	57	37	6	-
Topsoil (2004)	-	11	76	13
Five Year Average	1	9	82	8
Subsoil Moisture	49	38	13	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	6	82	5
Five Year Average	6	15	74	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.12	34.08	2.83	82	41	64	2
Easton	0.13	32.14	-1.84	83	44	65	-1
Frederick	0.00	28.28	-1.76	80	41	63	5
Frostburg	0.52	28.24	-8.16	79	36	59	4
Hagerstown	0.22	21.83	-7.52	77	41	64	3
Mechanicsville	0.10	29.56	-5.11	83	43	63	-1
Patuxent River	0.20	30.29	-2.22	84	48	68	5
Ocean City	0.12	31.46	-3.37	81	42	67	3
Salisbury	0.18	33.86	-1.44	86	34	63	-1
Sharpsburg	0.11	25.81	-4.23	80	36	61	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.10	29.31	-0.26	84	50	69	3
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.16	35.43	1.00	84	45	66	1
Georgetown	0.15	30.68	-3.40	88	43	67	5
Wilmington	0.20	26.08	-5.33	83	42	65	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.